Labour Relations Management Bill

*413. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the Labour Relations Management Bill;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the industry representatives on the proposed draft Bill?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SAHIB SINGH VERMA): (a) and (b) The Second National Commission on Labour in its report recommended that the provisions of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947; Trade Unions Act, 1926 and the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946 be consolidated into a single law called the Labour Management Relations Law. However, amendment of the existing Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 is under consideration.

(c) does not arise in view of answer to (a) and (b) above.

Foodgrains to drought affected States

*416. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether foodgrains were allocated last year to many drought and other natural calamity affected States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and quantity-wise; and

(c) the conditions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allotment of foodgrains to drought affected States for 2002-03 has been as follows:-

(I) (figures in lakh tonnes)

Sl.No.	States	Rice	Wheat	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20.00	—	20.00
2.	Chhattisgarh	3.29	—	3.29
3.	Gujarat	0.30	1.18	1.48
4.	Haryana	—	0.25	0.25
5.	Himachal Pradesh	0.06	0.04	0.10
6.	Jharkhand	0.20	0.20	0.40
7.	Karnataka	5.30	—	5.30
8.	Kerala	0.52	—	0.52
9.	Madhya Pradesh	1.56	2.61	4.17
10.	Maharashtra	0.23	0.93	1.16
11.	Orissa	4.00	—	4.00
12.	Rajasthan	—	18.98	18.98
13.	Tamil Nadu	1.25	—	1.25
14.	Uttaranchal	0.31	0.19	0.50
15.	Uttar Pradesh	—	2.00	2.00
	TOTAL:	37.02	26.38	63.40

An additional allocation of 18750 tonnes of rice and 6250 tonnes of wheat per month, for a period of three months from March, 2003 to May, 2003 (total 75000 tonnes of foodgrains in three months) was made to Himachal Pradesh in March, 2003 at BPL rates for distribution to the drought affected families of the State.

(II) A quantity of 25000 tonnes of foodgrains (15000 tonnes of rice and 10000 tonnes of wheat) was also allocated to Bihar in August, 2002, free of cost, for distribution to marooned families in flood affected districts of the State.

(c) The allocations of foodgrains mentioned in (b) (I) above have been made under the Special Component of the Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) with the following salient conditions:—

(i) The foodgrains are to be utilized for creation of employment generation in the drought affected States.

(ii) Foodgrains are free of cost.

(iii) The cash component of wage (workers to get minimum 25% of the wage in cash) and the material cost for the works, etc. are to be met from the various State/Centrally Sponsored Schemes with employment generation components/their own resources.

VRS after disinvestment

*418. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state what is the number of employees of various Public Sector Undertakings, undertaking-wise, who have got VRS after the completion of the process of Disinvestment?

THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): As informed by nine disinvestment PSUs and twelve disinvestment ITDC hotels and a unit of Hotel Corporation of India, against an initial employee strength of 43433 at the time of disinvestment. 4390 employees separations have taken place. Of these, 2996 were on account of VRS and 731 were due to retirement. During the same period, 1050 fresh appointments have also taken place resulting in a net reduction in work force of only 3340 which is around 7.69% of the employees strength at the time of disinvestment. However, in the case of CMC Ltd., employment has increased from a level of 3119 at the time of disinvestment to 3544 due to fresh recruitments. Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO) with a net reduction in work force of 1425 and Modern Food Industries Ltd. (MFIL) with a net reduction in work force of 889 account for around 60% of the overall net reduction in employment. Data on employment in respect of these PSUs is given in the enclosed statement.